

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-36 on the grounds of nonstatutory double patenting. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's assertion that United States Patent 6,944,482 suggests the invention claimed in claims 1-36, when the invention is viewed as a whole, as required by §103, nonetheless, in the interest of expeditiously bringing prosecution on the merit to a close, Applicants submit this response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2006, together with the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer, to avoid the issue. The Terminal Disclaimer overcomes the the obviousness-type double patenting rejection made in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection and issue a Notice of Allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present paper, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (503) 222-9981. If any fees are due in connection with filing this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the Deposit Account of Schwabe, Williamson and Wyatt, P.C., No. 50-0393.

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